

MINUTES
AGENDA NO. 20
WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL
2017-2019 TERM

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:33 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL ALL PRESENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Kerrigan moved and Councilor Davidoff seconded to approve the Town Council Minutes on 10-09-2018; Approved, 9-0.

5. PUBLIC FORUM NO ONE SPOKE

6. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Kerrigan moved and seconded by Councilor Davidoff to adopt Items #13 - #15.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS

8. Ordinance of the Town of West Hartford Permitting Sponsorship Signage in Municipal Parks. **(This agenda item will be the subject of a formal public hearing and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules.)**

SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 11, 2018 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER AND REFERRED TO TPZ & CRCOG.

9. REPORTS OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Matthew W. Hart presented an MDC update on the Clean Water Project.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming events were reported by Mayor Cantor.

11. REPORTS OF CORPORATION COUNSEL an Executive Session is required to discuss appointment of special counsel to assist in litigation matters regarding ALS Billing and related issues.

12. APPOINTMENTS NONE

REPORTS OF STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

13. Minutes from Community Planning and Physical Services Committee 10-02-2018. RECEIVED

14. Minutes from Admin and Tech Committee 10-03-2018. RECEIVED

15. Minutes from Public Safety Committee 10-04-2018. RECEIVED

16. CONSENT CALENDAR ADOPTED

17. COMMUNICATIONS NONE

18. PETITIONS NONE

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION At 8:41 pm Councilor Kerrigan moved to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation for West Hartford to Retain Counsel to address ALS billing and related issues.

Present to discuss the matter: Mayor Cantor, Council Members Barnes, Davidoff, Fay, Kerrigan, Sweeney, Wenograd, and Williams; Corp. Counsel Alair; Town Manager Matthew W. Hart; Peter Privitera, Attorney David Slossberg; and Asst. Fire Chief Greg Priest
Councilor Dodge recused himself from this discussion.

At 9:33, on motion of Councilor Kerrigan and seconded by Councilor Davidoff it was voted to reconvene into Public Session.

20. SUSPENSE ITEMS: Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation for West Hartford to Retain Counsel to Address ALS Billing and Related Issues.

Councilor Kerrigan moved and seconded by Councilor Davidoff to adopt.

ADOPTED, 8-0

WHEREAS, after the Town of West Hartford ended its Advanced Life Support (ALS) contract extension with American Medical Response (AMR) in August 2016, the West Hartford Fire Department (WHFD) implemented a Paramedic Intercept Program to provide ALS services to West Hartford residents and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the WHFD now holds the State of Connecticut Primary Service Area Responder (PSAR) designation for the provision of ALS Service; and

WHEREAS, there have been billing issues, such as AMR billing patients for ALS treatment that WHFD paramedics have provided, and West Hartford needs to retain experienced counsel to represent its interests in resolving these billing and related issues with AMR; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated legal expenses are anticipated to not exceed \$60,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL THAT it hereby makes the following appropriation for the aforesated purpose:

<u>Increase Estimated Revenue:</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Account #01-911000-90000-9075	Expired Tax Overpayments	\$60,000
<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Account #01-130100-10102-2064	Legal Fees	\$60,000

21. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cantor moved and Councilor Kerrigan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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